CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method of visualizing patterns of change and behavior on a compute infrastructure having a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

providing a set of color hues;

providing predetermined rates of change or behavior for each node of said compute infrastructure;

associating a color hue with a rate of node change or behavior;

monitoring said nodes to determine said rate of node change or behavior of each node;

displaying a colorized map of said nodes of said compute infrastructure;

displaying a first quantitative percentage of change graphic associated with said nodes of said compute infrastructure;

wherein for each of said nodes, displaying said color hue associated with said monitored rate of node change or behavior;

2 A method as in claim 1 further comprising:

providing one or more logical groupings of said nodes, each grouping having common node attributes;

selecting one of said logical node groupings;

identifying on said colorized map said nodes of said selected logical grouping;

displaying a second quantitative percentage of change graphic having a percentage of change associated with said nodes of said selected logical grouping.

3. The method as in claim 1, further comprising displaying textual data on at least a portion of said colorized map, said textual data comprising attribute information pertaining to said nodes of said compute infrastructure.

4. The method as in claim 2, further comprising:

providing a set of baseline attributes to evaluate node conformity;

selecting one of said baseline attributes;

identifying on said colorized map said nodes conforming to said selected baseline attribute;

displaying said second quantitative percentage of change graphic having a percentage of change associated with said nodes conforming to said selected baseline attribute.

5. The method as in claim 4, further comprising: displaying said colorized map comprising substantially of said nodes conforming to said selected baseline attribute.

6. The method as in claim 5, further comprising: displaying a three-dimensional graphic comprising said nodes conforming to said selected baseline attribute.

7. The method as in claim 1 wherein said first quantitative percentage of change graphic is a pie chart.

8. The method as in claim 2 wherein said second quantitative percentage of change graphic is a pie chart.

9 The method as in claim 1 wherein said first quantitative percentage of change graphic is a bar chart.

10. The method as in claim 2 wherein said second quantitative percentage of change graphic is a bar chart.

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11. The method as in claim 1 wherein said color hues are determined using a weighted moving average.

12. The method as in claim 1 further comprising:

defining a timeframe;

monitoring said nodes to determine said rate of node change or behavior of each node during said time frame.